CLEVELAND
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MAY DIARY OF STRINGFELLOW SHAW

As the Cock crows in the Hay Barn for another exciting day STRINGFELLOW bounds down the stairs to the front hallway, where his father is straightening his tie in the mirror.

CHRIS It's my interview with the coach company today. Son, wish me luck .Oh your mum is in the lounge, so go give her these here flowers and wish her a happy birthday.

STRINGFELLOW morning dad great i'll take these in to her then i can have my morning NESCAFE and TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH . .

He pops into the living room where SALLY is outside in the garage with her head in the chest freezer.

STRINGFELLOW That freezer filled with frozen chicken HALF PRICE IN BUDGEN .

SALLY NEARLY BANGS HER HEAD ON THE FRIDGE DOOR >

When he leaves his house He walks through a maze of semi-detached houses towards the canal, where he will meet his friend JAMES.

STRINGFELLOW It's really a shame when you see Jehovah's Witnesses in the high street and they have nothing to do but wave the Watchtower at you ?

JAMES GRAINGER oh you're quite right they should have a set of tambourines as well .

STRINGFELLOW I've decided to make Joseph Capp proud of me , recruit lots of associate members and then I'll use that especially minted gold coin he gave me at MOSS TOWERS in BATH .

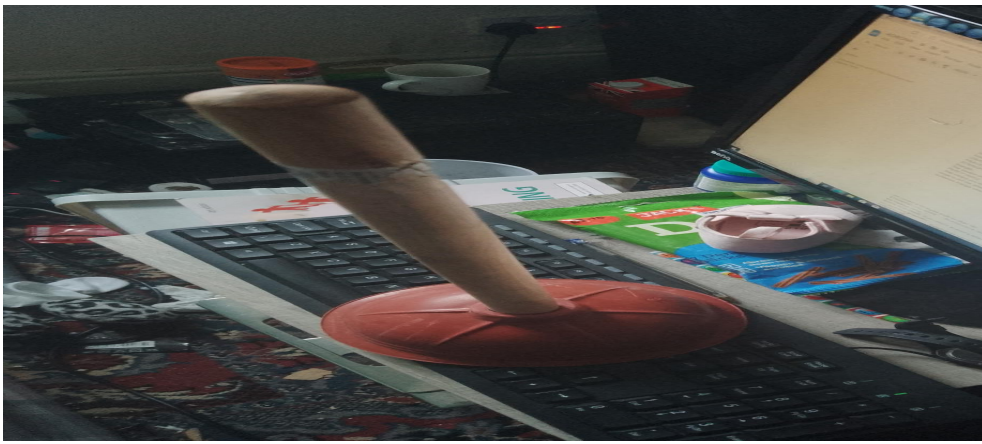
James lets his dog lead the pair of them out of the canal bank and along the road to the shop. Outside the shop a middle aged Irishman in an ARON sweater is singing with a can of GUINNESS in his hand.

When they finally make it to school and to their class room the bell goes and their classmates start getting up to leave for assembly .

GRAHAM You finally back with us are you .
KEVIN FORTESQUE You're late .
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Moving swiftly on have the arts and crafts teacher cast the lead in the school play , cos i'm auditioning .
KEVIN FORTEQUE I want your further education forms for an open evening on Monday to discuss your future with your parents .
They file out and head down to the main entrance hall just has the teachers are leaving the staff room and waiting outside the administration block for DENHAM and his secretary to walk down the charcoal gray-tiled carpet and into dining room with magnolia walls and polystyrene tiled ceiling with strip lights .
IAN CHESTERFIELD How often do I have to tell you not to run in the corridor?
ROBERT CHAMBERS Camel Stakes and sheep's eyeballs are not on the menu .
EVELYNE SMITHE Mrs Miggins is more meat and potato .
KEVIN FORTESQUE I'm trying to persuade her to make more savory quiches in vegetarian options .
MAURICE DENHAM During the war they had powder's egg but you can't get it now. I rather liked that I was an evacuee from LONDON. They took me to the Outer Hebrides to recover and on the journey I learnt to live on powdered milk and powdered egg .
KEVIN FORTESQUE I try not to cook with eggs at home
RODNEY I too was hoping I could find something in the health food shop where I get my protein supplements before a healthy workout at the gym .
IAN CHESTERFIELD This flu epidemic came from the parents of some of the children .
BERNICE SUMMERFIELD I think we should spray them with disinfect .
DENHAM I've got five teachers off and lots of children .
ROBERT CHAMBERS .Don't worry mister DENHAM send more students to me and I'll take over to the new INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY suite and let them revise for their exams .
DENHAM It's lucky you turning up just as the SPANDEX ARTISTICAS competition made us ill
RODNEY Between you me CRAIG BELAMY **laced** CHERRYAID with **SPANISH FLY** .

Just then a courier arrives with a package for BRUNSTAN, the school caretaker .

DENHAM Now it seems the caretaker's new sink plunger has arrived. I had to order it from the army and Navy stores .



As per usual teachers-inc, KEVIN, RODNEY, BERNICE, IAN, EVELYNE, AND DIANNE BUNKER.ROBERT CHAMBERS & PRACILA MORLEY take there places on the stage in front of a large maroon stage curtain and DENHAM goes up to his lectern

DENHAM Wonce again it's a delight to see your eager faces on this fresh Autumn day and me and my teaching staff hope the fresher's are settling in and finding their feet. I HAVE HAD A COMPLAINT FROM our chief caretaker of wall scrawl in the boys lavatory and sports changing rooms.

EVELYN SMITH These are all in felt tip pens and seem to be the work of one person.

RODNEY I hope I become a legend on one of our walls.

BERNICE Oh dear he could be getting past it

IAN CHESTERFIELD AFTER winning the SPANDEX ARTISTICAS competition at the PINK PELICAN the other day i would guarantee it.

BERNICE YES Rodney i guarantee it>says she brandishing a black marker pen.

DENHAM Our patience is finite and if we find this Wall scrawler he will be in detention and have a white mark on his record, which could be permanent.I Want to remind you fifth formers to persuade your parents to come on Monday to our open evening to discuss your future. There shall be teachers from NEWTOWN TECHNICAL

COLLEGE on hand to talk to them so you make the right decision.
Jeramy At least we won't forget our eggs again if we stick with our Kevin.
ANN FITZGERALD That's right boys we are staying right here where all the intelligence is. The Canteen serves the best jam roly poly on the market.
MAY DIARY OF STRINGFELLOW SHAW>So after getting changed we make it out to the playing fields behind the main building where Rodney and Bernice are waiting.
RODNEY THIS WON'T take too long lads, and then it's back into the hall for circuit training.
BERNICE I'M GOING TO hand out your choices for games and you can choose three out of TENNIS, badminton, football, cricket, and fitness training, among others.
MICHAEL SULIVAN I'll partner you for table tennis STRINGFELLOW.
Lora That's right and I'll play tennis with our new head boy.
Ann AND I'M A GIRLY SWOT , so I'll sign up for fitness training.
STANLEY I'm up for jogging to gear up for a half marathon.
STRINGFELLOW And I'll join the circus and become a trapeze artist
BERNICE SUMMERFIELD That's the table lamp and the bedside cabinets dealt with. Let's go in and play tiddlywinks .
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After school we agree to meet up in front of the ARNDALE CENTRE before our appointment at CRAPSTON VILLAS. We catch the bus out of town towards the high rise complex of buildings which is CRAPSTON VILLAS.
TIM I hope WAINWRIGHT doesn't start the meeting with HINGE and BRACKET at the CLACTON-ON-SEA hippodrome on his stage mounted CINEMA sponsored by WD40 like he did last video night .
Ann Did your mum enjoy her birthday STRINGFELLOW?
They get off the bus outside the four SKYSCRAPERS and start their way along concrete walkways to the fourth building and are let in using a wall mounted INTERCOM and enter a large hall filled with people where a middle aged woman is speaking.
JAMES That's the vice chancellor of the residents committee CAROL CLEAVLAND .

CAROL CLEAVLAND I would like to introduce the TRAFALGAR GANG,a group who want your support in their endeavor for a brighter future.
We go through the assembly handing out copies of KEEN AS MUSTARD, which this month features an interview with BRENDA BRUCE and TIM O'CONNER during their expedition to BOTSWANA On a steam train and is sponsored by KRONA MARGARINE.
SID MOTRUM `What about the plumbing CLEVELAND . My flat is right next to the main water tank and is making a terrible noise. Every time I put on one of my MOZART RECORDS the water boiler starts banging away.
CAROL CLEAVLAND i'll come and inspect your flat after the meeting, now let these kids give us a brief run down on the OLIVER MOSS FOUNDATION.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW It was a chance meeting on a train which led me to the UNITED KINGDOM office in BATH and the training center in SCUNTHORPE .
DAVID MANNING And there are many activities similar planned for the coming months , which will get us international recognition just like BRUCE and O'CONNER in BOTSWANA in KEEN AS MUSTARD .
CAROL CLEAVLAND Alright then let's break there and you can all chat to the gang.
David shows the crowd his photos of Ms Panorama chemicals 2010, on his foundation mobile phone.
At this point the loud old man from the meeting comes over to the chairman and says " now CLEVELAND what about that boiler .
CLEVELAND I've called the plumbers for you SID, and that's all I can do for you at the moment. ?
SID MOTRUM I tell you, every time I invite one of the senior members up to my flat to listen to Mozzart the pipes start to bang .
GRAHAM Don't worry SID my dads a plumber. He will take a look as a favor to me.
STRINGFELLOW THAT'S RIGHT SID and if you sign up with the foundation we guarantee that your MOZZART evening shall not be spoilt by water tanks again.
Hettie, the leading lady in many of NEWTOWN'S amatur e dramatic productions, is showing the poster for her next open air production, around the meeting.
HETTIE WAINTHROPE AS I WAS SAYING DURING THE MEETING, I'm looking for stage hands for the major scene changes

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David GARDNER WOW, showbiz starts here, as a stagehand. My dad played the back end of donkey in a stage production of gunsmoke and he thinks he is an actor. But it never did him any harm mentally so count me in.
LORA DENHAM You say our math teacher Diana bunker is to play an angel.
HETTIE WAINTHROPE That's right LORA this is the original poster from the production staged after THEATER OF BLOOD came out at the cinema. The same cast started rehearsals for TRUTH or CONSEQUENCES but a fire at the LONDON PALLADIUM stopped the opening night ,and TRUTH or CONSEQUENCES has never been performed in front of an audience .
BURT WAINTHROPE Rehearsals start in holy trinity church hall next Wednesday .
HETTIE WAINTHROPE And your all invited to come along and watch the production take shape.
JERAMY You rehearsing in my dads church hall, he never told me about that.
HETTIE WAINTHROPE I arranged it with the verger last month and it probably slipped my mind.
SID MOTRUM I'm filling in for VINCENT PRICE as the voice of GOD so come up now and look at the set design donated to us by JEFFREYS HARDWARE STORE just a short bus ride from CRAPSTON VILLAS .